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ROD DANIELS: Well, as you can see by today's events, spies are not merely characters from novels and movies.

DAVE DURIAN: No. As a matter of fact, spying goes on, believe it or not, right in our own backyard, right here in Maryland. And tonight we begin a five-part series on spies. Journey with us into the strange, sometimes exotic, but very real world of espionage to find out about their "Best Kept Secrets."

DAVE MAJOR: [Unintelligible] that if you look at real intelligence operations, that it has all the elements that you see in movies. The only thing is, you do that within a bureaucracy. I mean James Bond has never written a piece of paper in every movie I've ever seen him.

RICH HOLLANDER: Dave Major lives James Bond, a world part shadow, part illusion, part romance, part drudgery, part danger, part boredom. Dave Major works in Baltimore. He has seen the enemy, and he is everywhere.

They come to Baltimore, right?

MAJOR: Yes.

HOLLANDER: Annapolis?

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HOLLANDER: Columbia?

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HOLLANDER: Eastern Shore?

MAJOR: Yes.

HOLLANDER: This is not the estate of an Eastern Shore baron. It is the Soviet retreat, Pioneer Point, near Chestertown. It is within driving distance of hundreds of Soviet diplomats at the U.N. and the Washington embassy. A great number are not diplomats at all, but officers in the KGB and GRU, the military intelligence unit.

MAJOR: This business is the second-oldest profession in the world, I mean intelligence. It's never going to go away. We're never going to eliminate the presence of hostile intelligence services operating in the United States.

HOLLANDER: Twelve hundred times a year, Soviets, many of them spies, are in the Baltimore metro area. That is what the FBI says. They may be here to have fun, or vacation. But often it is business, and their business is espionage.

MAJOR: We have 940 companies in Maryland and Delaware, out of the 14,000 companies in the United States, that work on defense contracts. That's an awesome number of companies.

HOLLANDER: Add to that 26 military bases, universities and research institutions, and you could easily understand why the KGB cares about Maryland.

And there is more to worry about than those carrying diplomatic passports. There are moles, real engineers and scientists, who have been here for decades feeding information to Moscow.

ARKADY SHEVCHENKO: In general [unintelligible] was anyone who is coming from the Soviet Union.

HOLLANDER: Arkady Shevchenko should know. He is the highest-ranking Soviet ever to defect.

SHEVCHENKO: I, myself, don't believe, don't think that the Soviets have penetrated the highest level, let's say, of National Security Council.

HOLLANDER: Although we do not know if the Soviets have penetrated the highest levels of our government, we know that they can travel anywhere within 25 miles of their embassy, are free to go anywhere in Baltimore, and in most other parts of the state must stay on designated roads.

DURIAN: Rich, if I work for one of these 940 defense

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contractors or a military base, then I guess I'm a target for a spy, huh?

HOLLANDER: Indeed. In tomorrow's story we'll learn that tens of thousands of Marylanders are potential targets of Soviet intelligence.